

# NEW YORK'S NEW BOARD OF ALDERMEN; MOST POWERFUL MUNICIPAL BODIES



Here are photographs of the members of New York city's new board of estimate, which will be inducted into office on Jan. 1. These eight men constitute the most powerful municipal body in the world, for during the four years they will remain in office they will direct the expenditure of fully a billion dollars. Besides the enormous revenues which they will expend, they will let all the city's contracts and will control the granting of all municipal franchises, a prerogative formerly enjoyed by the board of aldermen.

The board consists of the mayor, comptroller, president of the board of aldermen and the presidents of the five boroughs. The mayor, comptroller and president of the board of aldermen each has three votes, the presidents of the boroughs of Manhattan and Brooklyn two each and the other borough presidents one each. The vote of the new board stands politically as follows: Fusion, 12; Democratic, 3; Independent, 1. The board will be composed of William J. Gaynor, mayor (Democrat);

William A. Prendergast, comptroller (Fusion); John Purroy Mitchell, president of board of aldermen (Fusion); George McAneny, president Manhattan (Fusion); Alfred E. Steers, president Brooklyn (Fusion); Cyrus C. Miller, president Bronx (Fusion); Lawrence Graesser, president Queens (Independent); and George Cromwell, president Richmond (Fusion). This will be seen that the largest city in America stands a fair chance of enjoying four years of nonpartisan government.

## LEE AND MCLELLAN.

An incident of the first meeting of the two soldiers.

The first meeting between General George B. McClellan and General Robert E. Lee happened in Mexico during the war with that country. McClellan was a lieutenant of engineers, and Lee was a major on the staff of General Winfield Scott.

One day McClellan was walking across a field when he saw General Scott and his staff approaching on horseback. As they drew near, Major Lee reined up his horse and asked the lieutenant if he did not know that he was disobeying orders. His tone was sharp and angry. McClellan answered that he was not aware of any disobedience and asked for an explanation. Lee replied that all officers had been told to remain in their quarters, awaiting orders, and asked for the lieutenant's name.

McClellan gave his name and said that no order of that kind had reached him. But Lee in a peremptory tone ordered him to go to his quarters and remain there. Then he rode off and rejoined General Scott and the staff, who had not stopped. McClellan went to his quarters, as he had been directed to do, but was quite indignant at the way in which Lee had treated him, for he had not knowingly committed a breach of discipline.

He had just finished telling his brother officers the incident when he was informed that an officer was outside the tent asking for him. On going out he was much surprised to see Major Lee, who saluted him with respect. "Lieutenant McClellan," the major said, "I am afraid that I was not courteous in my manner to you a little while ago, and I have called to apologize."

"I assured him that it was all right," said General McClellan in telling the story, "and he rode off after making a low bow, leaving me in admiration of a superior officer who so promptly and generously repented an error."—Chicago News.

## AN AERIAL HORROR.

A fearful thing that Stroh-schneider did.

Aeroplanes were talking over hear of Stroh-schneider. "He did a dread-I'll tell you about it." He appeared in a certain advertised that he was the landlord of the village on a trapeze hanging in his balloon. The landlord's wife made a authorities, upholding the man to accompany the landlord sat in the balcony. The people noticed that a ghost and a woman around Stroh-schneider in terror. And the people nodded at the balloon, and a horror arose among the aeroplanes and the

## FOUR MEN BLOWN TO FRAGMENTS BY MINE EXPLOSION

(Special from United Press.)

Mineral Point, Wis., Dec. 30.—Four men were blown to fragments at the Ollie Bell Mine, between Mineral Point and Plattville, by the explosion of 150 pounds of dynamite which wrecked the upper workings of the mine, according to advices received here. They are: Edward Sullivan, foreman; Thomas Clegg, one of the Clegg family which owned the first mine in southwestern Wisconsin; Charles Morton, John Oberg.

## WRIGHTS WILL NOT PREVENT FLIGHTS IN LOS ANGELES

(Special from United Press.)

New York, Dec. 30.—"It is absolutely false," said Pliny H. Williamson, attorney for the Wright brothers, aviators, today when shown the report to the effect that his clients are preparing to enjoin all persons who try to make airplane flights at Los Angeles next month.

"The Wrights will, of course, resist in the courts, an attempt to infringe their patents, and one action against the Herring, Curtis people is now pending in Buffalo. It is absurd to say that the Wrights take the attitude that no one else can invent or operate an aeroplane, so long as their patents are not infringed they welcome competition."

"The flight of such machines as, in the opinion of the Wrights, are built in violation of their patents will be resisted in the courts, no matter whether they are flown in Los Angeles or elsewhere. But they will not take any attitude of exclusion. If there was to be any such attitude taken, it would have been done at Rheims."

## PAYNE TARIFF BOOSTS COSTS, CLAPP SAYS

(Special from United Press.)

Washington, Dec. 30.—Senator Clapp of Minnesota thinks Secretary Wilson's investigation into the reason for increased cost of living ought to be an easy task.

"It's the Payne-Adrich tariff law," he declared in an interview yesterday. "That measure has cost and is costing the American people in increased cost of living millions upon millions of dollars. That vast sum would have been saved to the people if the law could have been repealed."

"The new tariff is in general an increase. Then this is an era of combinations. They have reached out to every field. It used to be that the consumer shared in the benefits of protection; now it is they pay the bills. With the interest behind the high tariff wall which prevents competition from abroad and firm increasing, or something of competition at home through combination of interests, the consumer is bound to constantly this problem of increase in the cost of living. Eliminate competition and the producer and consumer become enemies, and there is no end to the trouble."

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## CHARACTER IN WALKING.

Traits Which Are Readily Disclosed by One's Gait.

"There's a concealed man coming down the street," said the girl in the group on a corner. "How do I know?" By his walk. I can tell the chief trait of any person's character by watching him or her walk. For instance, if a man walks with a heavy lift to his hips he's sure to be obstinate. If he slinks down a little on his heels he has a comfortable attitude toward life and the world in general—in fact, he's a bit lazy. That woman coming down the street now is a gossip. Any one could tell that because of her mincing, fussy gait. Indecision is the chief characteristic of that woman's character across the street. Don't you see how she swings her foot rather hesitatingly in the air before she puts it down?

"The man who walks with his knees leading is sure to be of the pious type—the disagreeably pious type, I mean. You see that old codger who is crossing the road with his stomach heaving to lead the rest of him—well, of course it is evident that feeding is his chief delight. When an intellectual man walks his head leads. That girl who sways so is self-conscious. Yes, that girl going down the street has a pretty walk, gliding and quiet, but watch out for her; she is treacherous in the extreme."

"The man who puts his feet down especially solidly is heavy and somewhat stupid. That little person crossing the road with a quick, clean step is energetic, but he has no regard for the rights or feelings of others. The girl coming out of that store has an ugly streak in her nature. Don't you see how she puts her foot down unwillingly as if she were saying: 'I won't! I won't!' I shouldn't advise any man to marry her."

"Of course I don't pretend to know thoroughly a person's character by his walk, but I do discover his predominant characteristics."

## The Quality of Mercy.

A notorious mountain moonshiner, familiarly known as Wild Bill, was tried before a federal court in Georgia and was adjudged guilty. Before pronouncing sentence the judge lectured the prisoner on his long criminal record and at last, informing him that the court entertained no feeling of anger toward him, but felt only unqualified pity, sentenced him to spend six years in the federal prison at Atlanta.

Bill stoutly shifted the quilt of tobacco in his mouth and turned to leave the courtroom with the marshal. Outside the only thing he said was this: "Well, I suah am glad he wa'n't mad at me!"

## Proving It.

"Keep up your courage, old man," said the passenger who was a good sailor to another who was leaning over the railing and paying tribute to Neptune.

"Never mind me," came the answer between gasps. "I've always heard that it took travel to bring out what there is in a man."

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known power comes along and says: 'This is not the man. He will not do what we want. He must go.' And the Honorable, the Secretary of State marches him to the door, trying to fasten on him as he goes a faded badge of indiscretion—the disgrace of disgraces in the diplomatic world. I confess to a feeling of personal humiliation in this matter. It hurts my pride to know that my government is capable of such an awkward piece of maneuvering. These are the things which are done by gentlemen."

## N. Y. Wholesale Prices.

BUTTER.—Creamery specials, 35c; extra, 37c; dairy tubs, 34c; good to prime, 30c @ 32c; common to fair, 26c @ 29c.

E.GGS.—Whites, fancy, 45c @ 48c; small, 40c @ 42c; gathered, 35c @ 40c; browns, fancy, 38c @ 40c; gathered, 32c @ 37c; fresh gathered extras, 30c @ 35c.

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HAY AND STRAW.—Hay, timothy, prime, large bales, 100 lb. \$1.10; No. 1, 87c @ \$1.10; shipping, 80c @ 85c; packing, 60c @ 65c; clover and clover mixed, 75c @ 80c; straw, long rye, 75c @ 80c; short and tangled rye, 55c @ 60c; oat and wheat, 55c.

POULTRY.—DRESSED—Turkeys, 25c @ 30c; Chickens, roasting, fancy, 9 lb. and over to pair, 25c @ 28c; 10 lb. and over, 22c @ 25c; Chickens, 12c @ 12.50; Fowls, 17c; Ducks, 20c @ 21c; Geese, white, 20c; dark, 16c @ 18c; Squabs, prime, large, white, down, 12.25 @ 14.25; Guinea, sprig, 2c and over to pair.

GAME.—Quail, frozen, dozen, \$4 @ \$4.50; Partridges, pair, \$3.50 @ \$4; Woodcock, pair, \$1 @ \$1.25; Rabbits, fresh, pair, 10c @ 15c.

POTATOES.—Bermuda, second crop, 25c @ 30c; Southern, 12.25 @ 13; Long Island, bbl. \$1.75 @ \$2.25.

HONEY.—Clover comb, fancy, lb. 15c @ 16c; fair to No. 1, 12c @ 14c; extracted, 8c @ 8.50; buckwheat comb, lb. 12c @ 13c; extracted, 7c @ 7.50; Rape, 12c @ 13c; Sycamore, 11.75 @ 12.25; black walnuts, 50c @ 60c; butternuts, 25c @ 30c.

PRODUCE.—Cucumbers, dozen, 75c @ \$1.17; Lettuce, strap, 50c @ \$1; Mint, dozen bunches, 40c @ 50c; Mushrooms, lb. 25c @ 30c; Radishes, 10c bunches, 15c @ 20c; Tomatoes, lb. 10c @ 20c.

FURS AND SKINS.—Silver fox, 50 @ \$100; cross fox, 17 @ \$14; red fox, 14.50 @ 15.50; gray fox, 12.25 @ 13.50; wild cat, 11.50 @ 12; house cat, black, 25c @ 30c; colored, 10c; skunk, black, 13.40 @ 17.70; half striped, 22.25 @ 15.50; striped, 11.25 @ 11.50; white, 50c @ 60c; raccoon, 12c @ 12.50; extra black, 12.50 @ 13.50; rabbit skins, 1c; mink, 35 @ 47; muskrat, fall, 35c @ 40c; winter, large, 50c @ 60c; medium, 30c @ 35c; small, 25c @ 30c; kits, 15c @ 15c; winter black, 55c @ 60c; fall black, 42c @ 48c; kits, black, 15c @ 20c.

## POINTS OF INTEREST.

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